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SLOVENIAN FOOD PRODUCTION IS LOW

VEGETABLE, FRUIT SHORTAGE IN LJUBLJANA -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 14 Jul 50

The current shortage of fruit and vegetables on the Ljubljana market resulted from the fact that the farmers near Ljubljana sowed grain and fodder plants instead of vegetables.

The farmers from Gorica certainly would have produced more fruit and vegetables if their supply of food were guaranteed. Because their food supply was not guaranteed, the farmers sowed grain for their own use.

The "Sadje-Zelenjava" (Fruit and Vegetables) Enterprise, which is responsible for supplying the Ljubljana market with vegetables and fruit, made contracts in the beginning of the year for 300 tons of potatoes. None of these contracts was fulfilled. Ptuj was scheduled to supply Ljubljana with ten carloads of potatoes, but delivered only 9,000 kilograms by 11 July 1950. Ljubljana Suburbs were scheduled to supply Ljubljana with 20 carloads, Grosuplje with ten carloads, and Gorica with 25 carloads.

Only a small percentage of the supply called for was delivered to Ljubljana. Instead of the 30 carloads of potatoes scheduled to be sold in the Ljubljana market by 31 June 1950, only 38,926 kilograms were sold, according to data of the "Sadje-Zelenjava" Enterprise.

The shortage of other vegetables in Ljubljana is similar to the potato shortage.

SLOVENIAN FRUIT OUTPUT DROPS -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 16 Aug 50

During recent years, Slovenia was able to supply Yugoslav markets with several thousand carloads of fruit, while this year Slovenia will be able to supply only about 400 - 500 carloads.

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The low production of fruit resulted from the spread of the American scale insect and the backward methods of fruit growing. Despite regular spraying, about 2.5 million trees in Slovenia have been infested thus far. In the orchards in Maribor Oblast alone, about 2 million trees are infested.

In orchards in seven srez of Ljubljana Oblast about 500,000 trees are infested, and in the Primorje 10,000 trees are infested in the orchards in Tolminsko Srez.

PRICES ON LJUBLJANA MARKET FALLING -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 12 Aug 50

Vegetables are still scarce on the Ljubljana market. However, most prices of food are falling. Green beans, for example, are selling at 40 - 60 dinars per kilogram. Prices of green beans are expected to go even lower, as it has been raining during the last few days and a fall crop is expected.

Cucumbers are selling, at 15 - 20 dinars per kilogram, green peppers at 35 dinars per kilogram, beets at 25 dinars per kilogram, potatoes at 18 dinars per kilogram, tomatoes at 30 dinars per kilogram, pears at 28 dinars per kilogram, apples at 22 dinars per kilogram, lettuce at 40 - 50 dinars per kilograms, onions up to 70 dinars per kilogram, mushrooms at 20 - 30 dinars per scoop and 80 dinars per kilogram, butter at 480 dinars /per kilogram?/, eggs at 15 dinars /each?/, chickens at 250 - 300 dinars each, beef at 180 dinars per kilogram, horse meat at 70 dinars per kilogram, and cured horse meat at 108 dinars per kilogram.

MARIBOR MARKET WELL SUPPLIED -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 14 Aug 50

Maribor, 12 August -- Today, the Maribor market is better supplied with food than in any other postwar period. Farmers are offering all kinds of vegetables, cucumbers, fruit, potatoes, meat, fats, lard, oil, sausages, and fowl. Prices have been falling because farmers themselves lowered the prices, and the supply has been greater than the demand.

CONSTRUCTION ON FARM WORK CO-OPS HAMPERED -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 24 Jul 50

Capital construction on Slovenia farm work cooperatives is not progressing satisfactorily. The chief reasons for this deficiency are the lack of building materials and manpower, and poor organization.

This year, farm work cooperatives are building 1,000 revenue-producing projects, and agricultural cooperatives are building 400 cooperative centers. Much building material will be necessary for the above projects.

During the first half of 1950, farm work cooperatives used only 13 percent of the credit granted to them by the federal government for capital construction.

An average of 61 percent of the credit granted for the purchase of farm machinery and equipment was spent in Slovenia during the final half of 1950, and only 27.5 percent of the credit granted for livestock in Slovenia was spent during the first half of 1950.

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